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Serial No. 08/973,601,
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For : METHODS FOR USING RESONANCE ENERGY
TRANSFER-BASED ASSAY OF HIV-1 ENVELOPE
GLYCOPROTEIN-MEDIATED MEMBRANE FUSION, AND
KITS FOR PRACTICING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, lines 6-9, please delete the paragraph beginning "This application is a continuation-in-part" and insert the following paragraph

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/973,601, filed March 16, 1998, which is a national stage application filed in 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/US96/09894, filed June 7, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/475,515, filed June 7, 1995, now abandoned.--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in